

“Die Journalisten”

PRESENTED MARCH 7, 1903.



It was with great effort and not a little satisfaction on the part of Dr. Jones, our German teacher, and the participants in the play that Freytag's "Journalisten" was presented in the auditorium of the Institute. Most of the cast were selected from the third-year German classes, but on account of the sudden illness of Mr. Forster (Oberst) a week and a half before the presentation of the play, Mr. Robertson, an alumnus of the Collegiate Department, consented to take his part.

For over two months we rehearsed, a part of the time under the supervision of Mr. Kreiss, of the L. Wachsner Dramatic Company of Milwaukee. The night of the play Mr. Kreiss and another gentleman of the troupe came down with a supply of wigs and mustaches and made such a decided transformation in us all that we hardly recognized each other, and enjoyed much hearty laughter before the ordeal on the stage.

The audience was largely made up of Germans and students from other schools, and it appreciated the performance very much, particularly the Piepenbrink scene, in which there was so much action. The German Consul was among the auditors. The house was well filled, and we were all gratified to have given Freytag's masterpiece so successfully.